

YORK TAVERN, January 21, 1780.

**T**HE Committee of Sixty-one Gentlemen, appointed by a Resolution of the General Meeting of this County, held on the 30th Day of December, 1779, having this Day taken into their serious Consideration the Trust reposed in them by the General Meeting, do profess and declare to the Public, That they conceive an effectual Reform in the Expenditure of Public Money, and other Measures tending to restore the Freedom of Parliament, can only be expected from the unanimous Application and Support of independent Men throughout the Kingdom; and they think it their Duty to explain to the Public, that a Plan for uniting the independent Part of this County in a legal and constitutional Association, to support the Object of the Petition, and to promote Regulations for shortening the Duration of Parliaments, and for obtaining a more equal Representation of the People, hath been submitted to the Consideration of this Committee; and it was proposed that a County Application for those salutary Regulations be supported in a legal and pacific Way, by engaging not to vote for any Candidate at any future Election for this County, or any other County or Place in Parliament, who shall not first have made a public Promise, signed with his Name, in the Words, or to the Effect, following, viz.

“ I A. B. do promise and engage, on the Word of a Man of Honour, that I  
“ will support the Propositions for enquiring into, and correcting the gross  
“ Abuses in the Expenditure of Public Money; for shortening the Dura-  
“ tion of Parliaments; and for obtaining a more equal Representation of  
“ the People in a Parliamentary Way, to the utmost of my Power.”

And we declare farther, that we conceive this Plan contains Propositions, on which a proper Form of Association for promoting those constitutional Improvements may be framed.

The Propriety of submitting those Propositions, with the necessary Amendments, to the General Meeting on Easter Tuesday, will be considered by this Committee on Saturday the 25th of March next.



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